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Man convicted in home invasion trial apprehended and sentenced

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Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a twenty-nine year old James Island man who fled after being convicted for his participation in a 2013 West Ashley home invasion was apprehended by law enforcement last week. Ishmel Jayvan Lemon and Antwain Jeriel Champaigne were both convicted in a joint trial by a Charleston County jury for burglary 1st degree during the week of March 2, 2015. Lemon chose not appear for the trial and was convicted in his absence. At the conclusion of the trial, Champaigne was sentenced by Circuit Judge W. Jeffrey Young to a 16 year sentence. Lemon was also sentenced but his sentence was sealed until he was located. Lemon was brought to court today where his sentence was read and he learned he will spend the next 30 years in prison.

Assistant Solicitor David Osborn stated that during the trial, witnesses testified that on the night of October 23, 2013, Lemon and Champaigne entered a West Ashley victim's apartment by breaking her front window with a handgun while a co-defendant, Jordan Brown stood outside as a lookout. The victim ran and hid in her closet while calling 911. All three were unknown to the victim.

CPD Officers Casey Havers, Jared Briggs, and Brian Moroney responded to the scene within minutes. Officer Briggs apprehended Brown walking away from the apartment, while Officers Havers and Moroney observed Champaigne and Lemon running from the victim's apartment. Officers Havers and Moroney gave chase catching both subjects in the apartment complex.

Since the trial, Officer Havers was reassigned to the CPD US Marshalls Task Force and took over the case locating Lemon. Havers received information that Lemon was hiding out in Denmark, South Carolina. Members from US Marshalls Task Force and Bamberg County Sheriff Department executed a search warrant and located Lemon in Bamberg County. At the time of his arrest, Lemon was found to be in possession of narcotics and a stolen pistol.

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